
3:2 Dual-Degree Opportunities in Engineering at SPU

Advising Information

SPU has dual degree (3:2) agreements with the following universities:

University of Washington

Washington State University

Students who complete the dual degree option will earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from SPU with a Physical Sciences major, and a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from the other university.

In order to earn the SPU BA degree, the student must meet all SPU degree requirements, and complete at least 135 credits at SPU. The SPU degree requirements include the 'W' requirements, math proficiency, writing proficiency, foreign language proficiency, Common curriculum, Exploratory curriculum, and the degree requirements of the Physical Sciences major.

The first step in pursuing a dual degree with the other university is to determine which engineering degree is to be pursued (such as Civil, Chemical, etc.) The next step is to determine the courses that a student must take in order to be admitted by the other university into that particular engineering degree program.

During the three years at SPU the student needs to take all courses required for admission to the engineering degree at the other university, as well as complete all SPU requirements for graduation.

In the second year at SPU, the student should apply to SPU's engineering department to be accepted into the Physical Sciences major at SPU.

Then, in the student's last year at SPU, (s)he should apply to be admitted to the specific engineering program at the other university. The next steps in the process depend on the choice of university.

Just before leaving SPU (approx. two years before the expected graduation date), the student should complete and submit the SPU form for applying for graduation.

SPU's goal is to provide students with quality advising regarding the dual degree, however, it is ultimately the students own responsibility to ensure that (s)he meets the requirements and deadlines of both schools.

University of Washington

A student planning on completing a dual degree between SPU and the University of Washington is not guaranteed to be admitted to the University of Washington. That student applies to the UW on a competitive basis, the same as everyone else. (SPU does have a great track record though of our students being admitted.) If accepted to the UW, the student pursues the UW

engineering degree. A few months prior to completing the UW degree, the student should contact the SPU registrar to indicate that the UW degree is nearing completion.

Washington State University

SPU students who express interest in the dual degree program should have a minimum 2.75 GPA in all coursework; a minimum 3.00 GPA in the chemistry, computer science, engineering, mathematics, and physics coursework required by the program; and the positive recommendation of the Chair of the Engineering Department. With this record, qualified SPU applicants are assured admission to Washington State University. Students successfully completing the listed prerequisites will have reasonable assurance, but no guarantee, of certification into the Bachelor of Science engineering program of their choice. Details about specific program certification criteria can be obtained from the department website and/or from the departmental undergraduate coordinators.

This dual degree program may require at least three years of attendance at SPU followed by two or more years of attendance at WSU. Students will complete all requirements for a BS degree with a Physical Science major at SPU and then complete remaining engineering program requirements at Washington State University. In some cases, pre-requisite sequences or course availability may necessitate an additional semester or summer session at WSU. A student can minimize this possibility by consulting an advisor in the specific degree-granting department as early as possible. This will also assure that the unique requirements of the specific degree are understood as early as possible.

Courses, passed with a grade of C or better, will be transferred to the WSU transcript as credit for equivalent courses, even though they may not be required by the engineering curriculum selected by the student.

During the period of time at WSU, students will complete the requirements specified in the WSU College of Engineering and Architecture Bulletin at the time of admission to their engineering degree programs. The coursework passed with a C grade or better, at WSU will also be transferred to SPU to complete the requirements for the Physical Science degree.

When transferring to WSU from SPU, the student is expected to submit the necessary applications for admission, reciprocity, housing, and financial aid on standard forms. These forms must be submitted in accord with the deadlines published in the current WSU documents.

Students participating in the Dual Degree Program, who complete the general graduation requirements for SPU prior to or concurrently with WSU graduation, are considered to have completed the general education requirement at WSU with the following stipulations:

1. A Tier III Humanities or Social Sciences Capstone course at WSU will be required.
2. Students must initiate the Junior Writing Portfolio by the end of their first semester at WSU. To this end, they should save examples of writing from coursework completed at SPU. Instructor sign-off is required. For more information, please visit:
www.writingprogram.wsll.edu/units/writingassessment/midcollege/writingportfolio/